GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5234
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VIOLATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES
Dubey Shri Chandra Shekhar

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon`ble Supreme Court proposes to set up an Empowered Committee to look into various violations committed during construction of 540 MW Captive Power Project by the Strategic Partner of BALCO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to submit its report; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to initiate action against Strategic Partner of BALCO for violating the guidelines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Writ Petition (Civil) No. 469/2006 filed by SARTHAK and Others regarding alleged illegal use of 1036.52 acres of government land by M/s Bharat Aluminium Corporation Limited (BALCO), Korba, Chattisgarh, and related issues have been referred to the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) by the Hon`ble Supreme Court by its order dated 09.03.2007.

(c) The CEC has not filed its report in the matter before the Hon`ble Supreme Court.

(d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has requested the State Government to furnish a report about the action taken under the relevant laws / rules regarding the alleged violations committed by M/s BALCO. No response has been received from the State Government in this regard.